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SUBJECT: QUARTERLY MEAT CABLE

REF: (A) CODE NO. 13C; (B) OTTAWA 0446

1. GNP QUARTERLY REAL GROWTH AT ANNUAL RATES

QUARTER	1972	1973	1974
1ST	4.5	11.1	4.0 (EST.)
2ND	7.7	2.8	
3RD	0.9	1.8	
4TH	12.1	6.6 (EST.)	

(A) NO CHANGE REFTTEL (B).

2. SUPPLY AND DISPOSITION: PORK, MUTTON AND LAMB, POULTRY (THOUSAND POUNDS)

POST FORECAST

(A) PORK	1972	1973	1974
STOCKS, JAN 1	28,969	18,803	32,844
PRODUCTION	1,392,607	1,360,418	1,390,000
IMPORTS	44,983	54,131	35,000
TOTAL SUPPLY	1,466,559	1,433,352	1,457,844
EXPORTS	115,517	125,614	130,000

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DOM. DISAPPEARANCE 1,332,239 1,274,894 1,303,844

STOCKS, DEC 31	18,803	32,844	24,000
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PER CAPITAL (LBS.)	61.0	57.6	58.2
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(B) MUTTON AND LAMB

STOCKS, JAN 1	11,068	9,103	7,067
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PRODUCTION	19,850	21,893	20,000
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IMPORTS	80,548	58,410	57,000
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TOTAL SUPPLY	111,466	89,406	84,067
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EXPORTS	676	156	200
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DOM. DISAPPEARANCE	101,687	82,183	77,867
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STOCKS, DEC 31	9,103	7,067	6,000
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PER CAPITA (LBS.)	4.7	3.7	3.5
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(C) POULTRY REVISED

STOCKS, JAN 1	57,697	56,454	75,899
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PRODUCTION	981,083	1,042,941	1,050,000
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IMPORTS	13,995	17,572	14,500
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TOTAL SUPPLY	1,052,775	1,116,967	1,140,399
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EXPORTS	3,165	4,931	4,000
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DOM. DISAPPEARANCE	993,156	1,036,137	1,066,899
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STOCKS, DEC 31	56,454	75,899	69,500
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PER CAPITA (LBS.)	45.5	46.9	47.6
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3. BEEF PRODUCTION

(A) ESTIMATE OF CATTLE NUMBERS ON FARMS (THOUSANDS).

POST ESTIMATE

	1972	1973	1974
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JULY 1	13,657 1/	14,052 1/	14,700
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DEC 31	12,607	13,370	13,700
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(B) SLAUGHTER

CATTLE AND

CALVES	4,037	3,894	4,000
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(C) SUPPLY (THOUSAND LBS. CARCASS WEIGHT EQUIVALENT).

	1972	1973	1974
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STOCKS, JAN 1	38,733	30,006	57,113
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PRODUCTION-TOTAL	1,978,853	1,976,432	2,000,000
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BEEF	1,898,328	1,910,575	1,940,000
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VEAL	80,525	65,857	60,000
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IMPORTS-TOTAL	213,522	224,938	150,000
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BONE-IN	27,431	25,842	16,000
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FRESH	15,375	21,876	14,000
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FROZEN	129,525	147,432	98,000
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OTHER	41,191	29,788	22,000
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TOTAL SUPPLY	2,231,108	2,251,376	2,207,113
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EXPORTS-TOTAL	91,969	88,204	50,000
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BEEF-BONE-IN	6,772	14,036	7,000
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BONELESS	66,320	60,888	35,000
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CURED	8,343	6,526	4,000
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VEAL	5,802	2,294	1,500
N.E.S.	4,732	4,461	2,500
DOM. DISAPPEARANCE	2,089,133	2,106,059	2,122,113
STOCKS, DEC 31	50,006	57,113	35,000
PER CAPITA (LBS.)	95.6	95.2	94.8

4. PRICE FORECAST

(A) WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES-SOUTHERN ONTARIO, (CDN. CENTS/LB.)
1972, 1973 NO CHANGE (REFTEL B).

1974

JANUARY	89.5
FEBRUARY	88.1
MARCH	82.0
APRIL	81.2

ESTIMATED ANNUAL AVERAGE 85.0

(B) IMPORTED BONELESS BEEF PRICES AVAILABLE FROM L&MP/FAS/WM

5. QUARTERLY ESTIMATE OF MEAT EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES (1,000 LBS. PRODUCT WEIGHT).

BEEF EXPORTS TO UNITED STATES

QUARTER

1ST	11,892	10,533	12,035
2ND	18,495	12,862	7,000
3RD	15,297	25,253	10,000

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4TH	13,049	7,804	11,000
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TOTALS	58,733	56,452	40,035
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COMMENTS:

CANADA'S DES CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (OTTAWA 1011, APRIL 8 AND OTTAWA A-172, APRIL 9/74) HAS ELIMINATED COMPETITION FROM U.S. BEEF EXPORTS. FEDERALLY INSPECTED CATTLE SLAUGHTER UP 2 PERCENT, BUT INCREASED SUPPLY MATCHED BY STRONG DEMAND. HOTEL AND RESTAURANT TRADE CURRENTLY UTILIZING DOMESTIC BEEF AS SUBSTITUTE FOR PREFERRED U.S. BEEF. CANADIAN CONSUMER NOW PAYING HIGHER RETAIL BEEF PRICES IN LESS COMPETITIVE MARKET. BEEF EXPORTS TO U.S. ESTIMATED AT 12 MILLION POUNDS PRODUCT WEIGHT FOR FIRST

QUARTER 1974. EXPORT FOR REMAINING QUARTERS EXPECTED TO DECLINE IF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON U.S. BEEF CONTINUE. IMPORTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES EXPECTED TO INCREASE WHILE U.S. BEEF NOT ENTERING CANADA. FEDERALLY INSPECTED HOG SLAUGHTER CURRENTLY 5 PERCENT ABOVE 1973. FARROWINGS INDICATE SLAUGHTER TO BE STRONG UNTIL FOURTH QUARTER. POST FORECASTS 1974 SLAUGHTER TO REGISTER 2-3 PERCENT INCREASE. HIGHER RETAIL BEEF PRICE EXPECTED TO BE REFLECTED IN INCREASED PORK CONSUMPTION. BROILER CHICKEN MARKETINGS OFF 1.5 PERCENT TO WEEK ENDING MAY 4; HOWEVER, SLAUGHTERINGS OF BROILER POULTS, HEAVY HENS, AND HEAVY TOM TURKEYS UP 25, 16, AND 37 PERCENT RESPECTIVELY, CLEARLY A FACTOR IN INITIATING SELF PROTECTIONISM ACTION OF TURKEY IMPORT CONTROLS, (OTTAWA 1402; OTTAWA A-221; OTTAWA 1442; OTTAWA A-231; OTTAWA 1465; OTTAWA A-233).
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